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**REQUEST  
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Application Number	09/706,431
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8,

1. Submission required under 37 CFR §1.114
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- ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)      iv.  Other      Combined Amend. & Pet. for Extension of Time
2. Miscellaneous
- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR§1.17(i) required)
- b.  Other
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